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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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**TITLE OF INVENTION**

Bumper-Supporting Structure for a Motor Vehicle

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin rational examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached herewith.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 USC 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4))
10. ☒ An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Item 11. to 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☒ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)
20. ☒ Other items or information:
  - a. Cover page of International publication no. WO 2004/002782 A1
  - b. Form PCT/IB/308
  - c. Copy of International Search Report
  - d. 1 sheet of drawing (Fig. 1)
  - e. Copy of IPER

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| 21. The following fees are submitted:   |              |  |            | CALCULATIONS             | PTO USE ONLY |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee..... \$200.00  |              |  |            |                          |              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee..... \$500.00   |              |  |            |                          |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00   |              |  |            |                          |              |
| Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |  |            |                          |              |
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| Total Claims  | 15 - 20 =    | 0  | X \$50.00  | \$                       |              |
| Independent Claims  | 1 - 3 =      | 0  | X \$200.00 | \$                       |              |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)   |              |  | + \$360.00 | \$                       |              |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =   |              |  |            | \$ 1130.00               |              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.  |              |  |            | \$                       |              |
| SUBTOTAL =  |              |  |            | \$1130.00                |              |
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| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>05-1323</u> (Attorney Docket No. <u>—</u> ) in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |              |  |            |                          |              |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>05-1323</u> . (ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. <u>095309.55756US</u> ) A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. |              |  |            |                          |              |
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| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.   |              |  |            |                          |              |
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